



The DELCO Emergency Rental Assistance (DELCO ERA) grant program helps renters who suffered disruption and/or loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with past due rent and one utility. The U.S. Treasury and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allocated \$37.2 million to fund DELCO ERA. The County engaged Capital Access, Inc., a grants management firm based in the Delaware Valley, to assist with program management. All funds must be expended by the end of 2021.

How Does the Program Work?

- DELCO ERA will pay for past due rent and your largest utility bill. Past due rent can go as far back as April 1, 2020. DELCO ERA does **not** pay for deposits.
- No more than one (1) application per household.
- Grant funds are paid directly to your landlord/property manager and utility company on your behalf.
- Funds will be distributed on a “first come, first qualified and approved” basis until program funds are depleted.
- Eligible applicants must earn 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI) for household size. (See below)
- Priority for processing will be given to households earning less than 50% AMI and/or households with at least one (1) person unemployed who has an active claim with the Office of Unemployment Compensation for at least the 90 days prior to the date of their Full Application for emergency rental assistance.
- People with language and/or physical or related challenges can request assistance with application submission by calling **484-729-4200**.

How Can I/We Qualify for Assistance?

1. Household income must be no more than 80% of Area Median Income. Priority will be given to households at or below 50% AMI.

HUD INCOME LIMITS 2020 DELAWARE COUNTY								
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very Low Income (50%)	\$33,850	\$38,650	\$43,500	\$48,300	\$52,200	\$56,050	\$59,900	\$63,800
Low Income (80%)	\$54,150	\$61,850	\$69,600	\$77,300	\$83,500	\$89,700	\$95,900	\$102,050

2. Must provide evidence of disruption and/or loss due to COVID-19 pandemic such as: Qualified for unemployment benefits during the pandemic **or** can attest in writing that you or a member of your household has experienced a reduction of income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the pandemic; **and**
3. Can demonstrate a risk of housing instability and/or homelessness such as a past due utility or rent notice or eviction notice.

How Do I/We Apply?

Register at delco-era.com. The application has three parts:

1. Register so we can verify your residency in Delaware County, your email and phone number.
2. When it is time for you to submit a Full Application you will be notified.
3. A Case Manager will contact you with instructions for how to upload verification documents such as:
 - Photo Identification
 - Evidence of Income Loss
 - Lease
 - Evidence of Past Due Utilities

If you have questions, please email: info@delco-era.com or call: **484-729-4200**.

Apply early because funds are limited! Application Specialists are available to help you.